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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OGEN

SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. I COULD NOT LET YOUR FINAL VACATION GO WITHOUT AT LEAST
ONE ODDS AND ENDS CABLE FOR OLD TIMES SAKE: SIC TRANSIT
GLORIA MUNDI.

2. IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT I CONCLUDE THE ODDS AND ENDS
SERIES WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS REQUEST FROM THE ISRAELIS.
BAR-ON CALLED ME TODAY TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN
MINISTER HAS DESCRIBED THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PLO IN SUCH
A WAY THAT IT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO AN EROSION OF THE
ISRAELI POSITION ON THE PLO. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE
NICE IF WE FOUND SOME WAY -- AT A MINIMUM AT THE PRESS
BRIEFING -- TO CORRECT THE RECORD. I SUGGESTED THAT I
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DOUBTED THAT WE WOULD LOOK WITH ANY ENTHUSIASM ON THE
PROPOSAL SINCE I SAW LITTLE MERIT IN A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION
WITH THE FRENCH. NEVERTHELESS I PROMISED TO PASS ON
BAR-ON'S COMMENTS TO YOU. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF WHAT
THE ISRAELIS TELL ME THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID:
BEGIN TEXT IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON THE UNITED STATES

POSITION, THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID:

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT DURING THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS

THE U.S. POSITION HAS GREATLY DEVELOPED. THEY HAVE
RECOGNIZED THE PALESTINIAN REALITY AND ARE PREPARED TO
PRESSURE ISRAEL SO THAT ISRAEL SHOULD AGREE TO THE CREA-
TION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE."

IN OTHER PARTS OF THE INTERVIEW, THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINIS-
TER MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

1) "THIS SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTENCE OF
ISRAEL, THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS; IN OTHER
WORDS, TO GRANT TO THE PALESTINIANS A TERRITORIAL BASE, A
STATE, AND TO ENSURE FOR ALL STATES OF THE REGION SECURE AND
GUARANTEED FRONTIERS."

(THE WORDS "RECOGNIZED FRONTIERS" WERE NOT MENTIONED.)

2) "WE FAVOR EMPHATICALLY THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN
STATE. WE HAVE SAID ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT A TERRI-
TORIAL BASE HAS TO BE GIVEN TO THE PALESTINIANS AND THAT
THIS BASE WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTENCE OF
THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL." END TEXT

3. YOUR POTENTIAL TAX LAWYER, STANLEY BERGMAN, LEFT WORD
WITH ME THAT IF YOU WISH ANOTHER SESSION WITH HIM HE COULD
COME DOWN HERE TO MEET WITH YOU ON EITHER JANUARY 3 OR 4.
ARE YOU INTERESTED? MY OWN ADVICE IS THAT YOU PROBABLY
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SHOULD MEET WITH HIM AGAIN, BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE
TALKED TO JOSEPHSON ONE MORE TIME.

4. HAPPY NEW YEAR.
ROBINSON

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